**Disintegrator**

**by Safeguard Medical Devices**

**Needle Destruction Device**

For use with 312UL, 12UL, and 1c insulin syringes and most insulin pens.

**Instruction Manual and Troubleshooting Guide**

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### Technical Specifications:

- **Input:** DC 120V external charged supply
- **Current:** ≤90mA
- **Power:** ≤2W
- **Weight:** ≤670g
- **Dimensions (LxWxH):** 280 x 235 x 7
- **Usage:** The unit destroys up to 40 needles between charges. Battery recharge in 12-15 hrs.

### Device Description

- **Disintegator** is a home use, portable sharp needle device for diabetes. It uses electrical current to heat and melt the needle destroying it.
- **Dimensions:** 280 x 235 x 7
- **Battery:** Rechargeable lithium-ion battery. The device can destroy up to 40 needles in 12-15 hours of use between charges.

### Indications for Use

The Disintegator is an over-the-counter insulin needle destruction unit for home use. It is a sharp needle destruction device that is designed to destroy up to 40 home insulin needles, 314 to 12 inch in length, attached to insulin pens and disposable 1/2cc to 1cc insulin syringes.

### Directions For Use:

**Initial Disintegator Setup and Charging the Battery**

- **Charging Battery**
  - Charge battery with supplied charger. Plugging it into a standard 110V outlet. Charge time is 12-15 hours for overnight. A fully charged battery will disintegrate 30-40 needles.
  - After 2 years the battery may not hold an adequate charge which is necessary for proper operation. Call Safeguard customer service or visit our website for replacement.

**Select Insert**

Determine which insert is necessary for your syringe. The smallest insert possible for any needle connected to a given syringe will pass through the product insert. Then it should be used to destroy proper needle. Each insert is required for pen needles.

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**Battery Charger Operation**

1. **Connect the charger into a grounded wall socket (110VAC).**
2. **Connect the barrel of the 12 UL syringe to a power source to charge the battery.**

**Charging and Maintaining a Battery**

- **Connect the barrel to the charging terminal.**
- **To charge the battery, plug the other end into the back of the Disintegator where indicated by the label.**

**Battery Replacement/Installation Battery Removal**

For ease of operation, place back unit over end of table so that the battery door may be pushed down easily.

**Ash Disposal/Battery Replacement**

- **Ash Door Removal:** Remove the Battery/Ash Door screw and carefully remove the cover. Remove any ash or disposal needle that may have collected in the compartment. Replace the door and the screw.
- **Battery Replacement:** Follow above directions to remove Battery/ Ash Door, remove battery and insert new battery. Place back the Battery/Ash Door and replace. Replace the Battery/Ash Door screw and the screw.

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**Troubleshooting Guide**

- The device will not work unless the Battery/ Ash Door is properly positioned and screwed in place.
- When selecting the Battery/ Ash Door, make sure the battery area does not interfere with the Disintegator.
- Do not follow the four cases screws; this will void the warranty.

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**Cleaning**

**Cleaning the Disintegator**

1. Remove the needle cap by twisting off the cap. Insert Sampling needle and draw back 30 units of insulin.
2. Check for leaks by pressing the Disintegator button and watching for any leakage. If there is any, correct the problem. If no leaks are present, replace the needle cap.
3. Remove any remaining insulin from the Disintegator by pressing the Disintegator button and holding the needle tip open.
4. Clean the inside of the Disintegator with a damp cloth and soap. Do not use organic solvents, such as alcohol.
5. Allow the Disintegator to air dry before reusing.

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- **Needles** have been flattened, rounded, or otherwise deformed.

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LABELING

Device Description

The Disintegrator™ is a home use, portable sharps insulin needle destruction device for diabetics. It uses electrical current to incinerate 27-30 gauge insulin hypodermic needles 5/16 to 1/2 inch in length attached to insulin pens and disposable insulin syringes of 1/3 cc to 1 cc volume in size. The Disintegrator uses a rechargeable 9.6-volt battery to deliver an electrical current to produce an arc of electricity directed at the tip of the needle. This arc of electricity melts the tip of the needle and disintegrates the needle. Any balls of melted metal that fall off during the process are collected into a chamber where the ash or ball is sealed and does not need to be emptied. The remaining stub of the needle on the hub is less than 1/16th inch in length. The device also includes a small molded port at the top, which is a needle straightener for use in straightening needles that are bent prior to destruction. The Disintegrator™ uses a large button as the switch to turn on the device and activate the circuit that supplies the charge. There is a low battery charge light that is yellow, which is found at the top of the device. Before first use, the Disintegrator battery should be charged for 12 hours. A fully charged battery will disintegrate 30-40 needles before needing to recharge. The Disintegrator™ unit can be powered from a battery and/or AC current by a wall transformer. The battery can be partially recharged by the wall transformer within 45 to 90 minutes. The Disintegrator™ can be utilized when the battery is recharging. The device exterior surface is off-white PC/ ABS (flame-retardant) Resin with a blue needle port. The tear shaped Disintegrator™ measures approximately 6” X 4” X 2” and weighs 2 pounds. The Disintegrator™ is to be used in closed proximity to the site of needle use.

Indications for Use

The Disintegrator™ is an over-the-counter insulin needle destruction unit for home use. It is a sharps needle destruction device that is designed to incinerate 27-30 gauge insulin needles, 5/16 to ½ inch in length, attached to insulin pens and disposable 1/3cc to 1cc volume insulin syringes.

Precautions

DO NOT TOUCH THE NEEDLE STUB AFTER REMOVAL FROM THE UNIT AS IT MAY REMAIN HOT FOR SEVERAL SECONDS

DO NOT attempt to operate with battery/ash drawer removed or place hands within unit.

DO NOT operate the Disintegrator before reading and understanding all operating instructions, especially information about techniques for using the device and charging the battery.
DO NOT touch the Disintegrator if it is dropped in water when plugged in, unplug the charger. Contact the manufacturer prior to attempting further use.

DO NOT immerse the unit in water or other cleaning solvent or fluids. Follow the recommended cleaning instructions.

Electrical safety features are designed for the intended use of this product. Use of this device for any other purpose than those intended may cause electrical malfunction and permanent damage to the device.

Directions For Use:

DO NOT operate the Disintegrator before reading and understanding all operating instructions, especially information about techniques for using the device and charging the battery.

Initial Disintegrator™ SETUP and Charging the Battery

The battery must charge for 12 hours before operation of the Disintegrator.

Charge Battery

Charge battery with supplied charger, plugging it into a standard 110V outlet. Charge time is 12-15 hours (or overnight). A fully charged battery will disintegrate 30-40 needles.

After 2-3 years the battery may not hold an adequate charge and should be replaced. Call Safeguard customer service to order a replacement.
Place unit on a flat surface near where insulin needles will be used.

**Select Insert**
Determine which insert is necessary for your syringe. Use the smallest insert possible. If the syringe will pass through the smallest insert, then it should be used to ensure proper operation.

No insert is required for pen needles.

**Needle Destruction:**

**Snap Insert Into Hole**
Snap insert into large center hole in your device.

*Skip this step if you are disintegrating a pen needle.

**Insert Syringe**
Drop syringe into hole, allowing it to fall into place. DO NOT push or force the syringe down.
Depress Power Button

Firmly push and hold power button down until green light goes off, and yellow light flashes (approx. 2 1/2 - 3 seconds).

Syringe removal

Wait a few seconds for needle to cool down. Twist syringe while removing.

Disposal

The syringe may now be disposed with normal household trash.

Cleaning

CLEANING THE DISINTEGRATOR™

1. Clean the surface of your Disintegrator™ by dampening a cleaning cloth with isopropyl alcohol.

2. Clean around the needle aperture with a dampened cloth. Do not use excessive amounts of isopropyl alcohol.

3. Removal of Debris: The debris in the ash drawer can remain in the device until the battery is in need of replacement.
BATTERY CHARGER OPERATION

1. If the yellow "Low Battery" light appears during the destruction process, finish destroying the needle currently being destroyed but do not continue with additional needles.

2. The device will not efficiently oxidize additional needles until the battery is charged or replaced with a charged battery.

CHARGING AND MAINTAINING A BATTERY

1. Connect the charger into a grounded wall socket. (110 VAC)

2. Connect the barrel attached to the 12 volt line cord coming from the charger to the adapter plug located in the back of the Disintegrator™ where indicated by the label.

When not in use for long periods, maintain a maximum charge by keeping the charger connected to the unit. The Disintegrator™ charger will not overcharge the battery. The device may be continuously connected to the charger.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT/INSTALLATION

BATTERY REMOVAL

For ease of operation, place back of unit over edge of table so that the battery door may be pushed down easily.

Ash Door Removal/Battery Replacement

Ash Door Removal - Remove the Battery/Ash Door screw and carefully remove the cover. Remove any ashes or bits of melted needle that may have collected in the reservoir. Replace the door and the screw.

Battery Removal - Follow above directions to remove Battery/Ash Door. Remove battery and unplug it. Connect the new battery and replace. Replace the Battery/Ash Door and the screw.

The device will not work unless the Battery/Ash Door is properly positioned and screwed into place.

When replacing the Battery/Ash Door, make sure the battery wires do not interfere with the Disabling Arm.

Do not unfasten the four case screws; this will invalidate the warranty.
Troubleshooting Guide

The syringe needle should be destroyed and look like one of these illustrations. If not, refer to instructions below.

When the needle is not destroyed, or partially destroyed:

The battery may need recharging.
The battery needs recharging when the yellow light illuminates constantly with the green light during needle destruction. If the yellow light only flashes at the end of the cycle, your battery does not need recharging.

The button may have been:
- released before the green light went off
- not fully depressed
- depressed too slowly
Reinsert the syringe and try again.

The needle may not have been seated properly.
Reinsert the syringe and try again.

The needle may have been bent.
Straighten the needle and try again.

When reburning a syringe, rotate the syringe half a turn from its original position.

Bent Needles

Needle is usable when bending is within this range.

To straighten a bent needle, insert needle into the Needle Straightener port and adjust the syringe.